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Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service was fair to moderate, often good into fast food. Movement improved in some areas, and although hot weather was still present, some areas reported more comfortable temperatures. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to fair, and supplies were more manageable. Dark meat was in good supply to tight, wings were available to short, and breast items were better balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to light.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07-AUG-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	48.00-70.00	61.59	27
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	68.00-70.00	54.00-79.00	69.43	86
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
961	68.00-71.75	69.73

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	157.50	1,200
BREASTS - B/S	141.00	5,120
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50	1,284
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	1,077
LEG QUARTERS	39.00	8,477
WINGS	86.50	2,699

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery into Chicago was unchanged from Monday's final majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Additional offerings were adequate for the limited interest. Fill in trading was noted into the St. Louis area on 3 up wogs at 44.5 cents. Demand into retail channels was light to moderate at best, while distributive movement was light to good going into the weekend. Fast food continues to secure the majority of consumer interest. Floor stocks were balanced to long as buyers maintain a selective and non-aggressive purchasing pattern, due to the high heat and fuel costs. Product sizes were desirable to light. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were tight, mixed on dark meat cuts, and adequate to fully adequate on breast items. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat items, mixed on breast cuts, and mostly steady on the balance of items.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was light to moderate. Dark meat and wings were in good balance to short and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were better balanced to available with tenders in the closest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to light.

WESTERN The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Limited early trading reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs. Buyers' interest was fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best where promoted. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers. Parts were steady to firm, with dark meat items and wings in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers improved entering the weekend and was noted as fair to instances moderate. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs as the high heat and humidity subsided in most of the Northeast. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, thighs, boneless skinless thigh meat and wings were in good balance to well cleared. Breast items were clearing satisfactorily.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved for the weekend, even though high temperatures are prevalent within the production and terminal markets. Floor stocks were sufficient for the limited buying interest, but offerings were usually clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy, but reduced. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment improved and was steady. In the parts complex, supplies and offerings were generally in a balanced to workable position due in part to the affects of hot weather. Demand was fair to moderate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	53-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/31/06-08/04/06 (A)
	08/01/05-08/05/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/31/06-08/04/06 (A)
	08/01/05-08/05/05 (A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

AUG 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 04

	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	730	110.00-177.00	-	122.69		705	110.00-184.00	-	124.24	3,530	121.84
TENDERLOINS	228	115.00-169.00	119-123	120.32		313	115.00-168.00	119-125	120.52	1,070	120.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	131	70.00-77.00	74-75	74.08		91	72.00-77.00	73-75	74.00	550	73.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				290	64.65
LEGS	189	42.00-58.00	44-45	44.69		203	43.00-58.00	44-45	45.27	1,003	44.94
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	33.00-38.00	36	36.02		716	35.00-39.00	36	36.05	3,141	35.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	926	35.00-40.00	37	37.03		1,075	34.00-41.00	37	37.25	4,601	37.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	84.00-94.00	86-89	86.78		281	80.00-89.00	84-86	85.03	1,405	84.88
WINGS (CUT)	235	100.00-106.00	102-105	103.40		285	100.00-106.00	102-105	102.84	1,250	102.94
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				376	42.60
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				252	34.51
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				421	82.38
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR AUG 04, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 52.50	50.15	49.00 - 54.00	51.06	50.22

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS -Trucklot buying interest improved entering the weekend and was noted as mostly moderate. Offerings of breast items were adequate to well cleared. Thighs and boneless skinless thigh meat were in good balance to tight. Wings were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for thighs and boneless skinless thigh meat; at least steady for breast items. The balance of items were generally steady.
 ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 03

CURRENT NEG WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	122.80	655,800
TENDERLOINS	120-125	119.65	181,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	80.93	88,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.47	95,400
LEGS	48-49	43.89	148,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.60	346,160
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	41.14	139,941
THIGHS	29-30	37.41	78,760
B/S THIGHS	85-86	86.04	107,980
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	84.11	237,220
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.92	14,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.04	11,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.84	9,080

CURRENT NEG WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	123.82	570,220	123.22	2,866,760
TENDERLOINS	120-125	117.15	116,460	119.31	837,858
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	86.63	65,280	83.32	358,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.98	92,200	76.38	463,000
LEGS	48-49	49.99	134,200	46.50	752,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.93	336,280	38.77	1,557,540
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	44.57	113,860	41.63	614,301
THIGHS	30-31	38.32	63,680	38.58	363,000
B/S THIGHS	86-87	88.29	72,800	85.90	477,870
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	96.10	148,180	88.67	965,220
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.41	5,400	11.60	86,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.31	2,480	27.69	52,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.60	17,760	55.52	94,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL	AVG
	08/04	08/03	08/02	08/01	08/02	08/01	07/28	WTS
Alabama	4,223	4,161	3,913	4,081	5.17	5.29	4,368	5.21
Arkansas	4,861	5,426	5,309	5,280	5.08	5.20	5,134	5.15
Delmarva	2,214	2,237	2,144	2,559	5.56	5.62	2,159	5.63
KY-LA-TN	2,230	2,276	1,994	1,981	4.92	4.90	2,167	4.96
Mississippi	3,421	2,776	2,755	2,854	5.82	5.87	3,158	5.76
North Carolina	2,510	2,667	2,596	2,624	6.52	6.51	2,657	6.72
Texas	2,511	2,508	2,517	2,507	5.28	5.28	2,506	5.30
Total	21,970	22,051	21,228	21,525	5.43	5.49	22,149	5.48
Mon-Fri	108,826(A)						107,582(A)	
Saturday	871(included in total for date shown)						2,071	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Aug-06 and 05-Aug-06 is estimated to be 32,870,000 head down 1.10 percent from a week ago and down -8.14 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 33,237,000, last year 35,784,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 05-Aug-06 is estimated to be 162,448,000 head up 0.73 percent from a week ago, and down 4.35 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,268,000, last year 169,836,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-114
HENS OVER 5#	100
DUCKS	111-118
	88-102
	102-109
	185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 22-Jul-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,967	20,214	53,355
Avg Weight	3.85	4.68	6.29
% of total /1	28%	20%	53%

Comparisons

Last week	23,067	21,533	54,069
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.40
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,551	28,203	48,756
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.36
% of total /1	27%	27%	46%

To date/2006	779,469	567,621	1,547,974
To date/2005	799,622	650,371	1,414,280

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 29-JUL-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,268	1,040	1,487	2,527	498
Avg Wt	5.22	3.51	7.96	6.13	6.41
Last week	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543	487
Same wk yr ago	168,852	1,258	1,671	2,929	481
Avg Wt	5.19	3.23	8.05	5.98	6.69
To-date/2006	4,826,046	33,927	43,989	77,916	15,215
To-date/2005	4,810,468	45,837	41,941	87,778	14,863

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.2 million head, or 0.8 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June 24	169.0	164.5	103%	5.3
July 1	170.6	162.5	105%	5.24
8	141.1	162.3	87%	5.37
15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
29	163.2	164.0	100%	5.22
Year to date	4884.6	4916.8	99%	
August 5		163.8		
12		164.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/05/06	07/29/06	% CHG	08/06/05	% CHG
Broilers	162,448	161,268*	+0.73	169,836*	-4.35
Cattle	623	656	-05	623*	0
Hogs	1,902	1,906	0	1,828*	+04

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56.00-64.25	60.00-63.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.25	72.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to good. Supplies were in balance. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 31-JUL-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - August 01, 2006

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35 - .40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .45
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .75
Guinea Fowl	2.50 - 2.60ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.00 - 1.75ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75ea.
Pigeons	2.75 - 3.50ea.
White Pigeons	4.25 - 4.75ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.10
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Bunnies	.75 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Goats	50.00 - 60.00ea.
Doves	- 5.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .35

Total Coops Sold 336

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for the mostly light and selective buyer interest; with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was light. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

18-26 MAJORITY 22-24

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

19-28 MAJORITY 24-25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for the at least adequate to ample offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was TFEWR to report salvage costs. Demand was light for ample supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were ample for the current light demand. Schedules continued to vary. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.5	5.5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-AUG-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate for a light demand. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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